DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
744 P Street,   Sacramento, CA   95814

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 80-34

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY FOR AFDC BASED ON UNEMPLOYMENT OF MOTHER

REFERENCE:

The U. S. Superme Court, on June 25, 1979, ruled in Califano v Westcott that federal AFDC-U benefits must be made available to children of unemployed mothers on the same basis as to those of unemployed fathers. State regulations to implement this ruling were filed with the Secretary of State on April 8, 1980. To assess the impact of this ruling, the Office of Research and Statistics of the Social Security Administration is requiring California and other states to provide the following information:

1.   *The number of unemployed mother cases receiving AFDC cash grants as a result of the Califano-Westcott ruling that would not have otherwise received federal benefits; and*

2.   *The amount of grant payments made to the cases counted in 1.*

We understand that this reporting requirement will be of a temporary nature from six months to a year and to meet it we are asking you to provide us the data on the back of your monthly reports on Aid to Families with Dependent Children – Cash Grant, Caseload Movement and Expenditures Report (CA 237 FG/U) beginning with the report for the month of July 1980.

You may find it expedient to maintain a temporary file on these cases with the amount of the cash grant for each. From a definitional point of view, the data we are asking for are the same as for Item 8a on the CA 237 except that it is limited to unemployed mother cases. Starting with July 1, this file should include all active cases where eligibility was based on the unemployment of the mother and the children would not have been eligible for federal aid under prior California regulations.

Questions should be directed to Frank Din, Statistical Services Bureau at (916) 322-5462 or (ATSS) 492-5462.

Sincerely,

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